

# Beginner Game Programming Workshop

## 1 Meow game app

### 1.1 Interactive sound

Type in the following code, save it and test it:

```
1 function love.load()
2     sound = love.audio.newSource( "meow1.ogg" )
3 end
4
5 function love.mousepressed()
6     sound:play()
7 end
```

The code in `love.load()` loads a sound file, `love.mousepressed()` plays it when a mouse button is pressed or the touchscreen is touched.

### 1.2 Interactive image

Add the loading of two images to `love.load()`:

```
1 bild_auf = love.graphics.newImage( "open.png" )
2 bild_zu = love.graphics.newImage( "closed.png" )
```

Insert the following two functions to your code:

```
1 function love.update()
2     bild_aktuell = bild_zu
3     if sound:isPlaying() then bild_aktuell = bild_auf end
4 end
5
6 function love.draw()
7     love.graphics.draw( bild_aktuell, 0, 0 )
8 end
```

`love.update()` calculates, which of the images is the current one. `love.draw()` draws it. Both functions work 60 times per second. The image doesn't quite fit but we will take care of that later.

### 1.3 Random meow sounds

Add the following random generator initiator and list (or table) of sounds to `love.load()`:

```
1 soundliste = {
2     love.audio.newSource( "meow1.ogg" ),
3     love.audio.newSource( "meow2.ogg" ),
4     love.audio.newSource( "meow3.ogg" ),
5     love.audio.newSource( "meow4.ogg" ),
6     love.audio.newSource( "meow5.ogg" ),
7 }
8 math.randomseed( os.time() )
```

Replace the content of `love.update()` with code, which uses the sound list:

```
1 bild_aktuell = bild_zu
2 for i,u in pairs(soundliste) do
3     if u:isPlaying() then bild_aktuell = bild_auf end
4 end
```

Replace the content of `love.mousepressed()` with code which plays random sounds:

```
1 wahl = math.random(1,5)
2 soundliste[wahl]:stop()
3 soundliste[wahl]:play()
```

## 1.4 Adapt to different screens

Add calculations of the relations between image and window size to `love.load()`:

```
1  fx = love.graphics.getWidth() / 1024
2  fy = love.graphics.getHeight() / 600
```

Add scaling parameters to the `love.graphics.draw()` function call in `love.draw()`:

```
1  love.graphics.draw(bild_aktuell, 0, 0, 0, fx, fy)
```

The image fits to the screen size this way, since mobile phones/tablets only have one resolution. This is not optimal but a simple solution for the start.

## 1.5 Android port

If you would like to put own graphics (you can draw on the computer or on paper) and sounds into your meow game app, tell the workshop coaches. You can also change the app icon.

We recommend to code the "back" button to close the Android app:

```
1  function love.keypressed( key )
2    if key == "escape" then love.event.quit() end
3  end
```

To make the app playable on Android, a zip archive of the game has to be made, it must be renamed to `game.love` and put into the project directory. Then use the `make-apk` script. The resulting `game.apk` must then be put on the mobile phone/tablet and installed there. Let workshop coaches help you.

# 2 Cat and mouse game app

## 2.1 Image and sound

Type in the following code (without `-- comments`), save it and test it:

```
1  function love.load()
2    math.randomseed( os.time() )      -- For random numbers
3    love.window.setMode( 1280, 720 )  -- Changes screen size
4    grasBild = love.graphics.newImage( "gras.png" )
5    katzeBild = love.graphics.newImage( "katze.png" )
6    mausBild = love.graphics.newImage( "maus.png" )
7    katzeX = 400 -- Position of the cat
8    katzeY = 300
9    mausX = 300  -- Position of the mouse
10   mausY = 150
11   musik = love.audio.newSource( "musik.ogg" )
12   musik:setLooping( true )
13   musik:play()
14 end
15
16 function love.draw()
17   love.graphics.draw( grasBild, 0, 0 )
18   love.graphics.draw( katzeBild, katzeX, katzeY )
19   love.graphics.draw( mausBild, mausX, mausY )
20 end
```

The code in `love.load()` changes the screen resolution, loads the images and music, sets position variables and plays the music. `love.draw()` draws the images, 60 times per second. They don't quite fit but we will take care of that later.

## 2.2 Automatic and interactive movement

Add mouse click position variables and sounds to `love.load()`:

```
1 klickX = 400
2 klickY = 300
3 quietsch = love.audio.newSource( "quietsch.ogg" )
4 miau      = love.audio.newSource( "miau.ogg" )
```

Add the following three functions to your code:

```
1 function distanz( x1, y1, x2, y2 )
2   a = x1 - x2
3   b = y1 - y2
4   return( math.sqrt( a^2 + b^2 ) )
5 end
6
7 function love.update()
8   mausX = mausX + 7
9   if mausX > 800 then
10    mausX = -48
11    mausY = math.random( 20, 400 )
12  end
13  if distanz( katzeX, katzeY, mausX, mausY ) < 40 then
14    quietsch:play()
15    mausX = 999
16  end
17  if distanz( katzeX, katzeY, klickX, klickY ) > 8 then
18    diffX = klickX - katzeX
19    diffY = klickY - katzeY
20    norm = math.sqrt( diffX^2 + diffY^2 )
21    einhX = diffX / norm
22    einhY = diffY / norm
23    katzeX = katzeX + einhX * 5
24    katzeY = katzeY + einhY * 5
25  end
26 end
27
28 function love.mousepressed( x, y )
29   klickX = x
30   klickY = y
31   miau:play()
32 end
```

The `distanz()` function calculates the distance between two dots thanks to the Pythagoras' theorem or the formula  $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ .

`love.update()` 1. Moves the mouse, 2. Puts the mouse back, after it crosses the right border or 3. when cat and mouse touch, 4. moves the cat

The code in `love.mousepressed()` changes the `klickX` and `klickY` variables each time a mouse button is pressed or the touchscreen is touched.

## 2.3 Screen size

Add calculations of the relations between image and window size to `love.load()`:

```
1  fx = love.graphics.getWidth() / 800
2  fy = love.graphics.getHeight() / 450
```

Add scaling parameters to the `love.graphics.draw()` function call in `love.draw()`:

```
1  love.graphics.draw( grasBild, 0, 0, 0, fx, fy )
2  love.graphics.draw( katzeBild, katzeX * fx, katzeY * fy, 0, fx, fy )
3  love.graphics.draw( mausBild, mausX * fx, mausY * fy, 0, fx, fy )
```

Ersetze die Variablenzuweisungen in `love.mousepressed()`, um vom Bildschirm aufs Spielfeld zu projizieren:

```
1  klickX = x/fx
2  klickY = y/fy
```

## 2.4 Score and time

Add image sizes, font configuration, time and score to `love.load()`:

```
1  breite = love.graphics.getWidth()
2  hoehe = love.graphics.getHeight()
3  love.graphics.setNewFont(hoehe/15)
4  zeitStart = love.timer.getTime()
5  zeit = 30
6  punkte = 0
```

Add time calculation to `love.update()`:

```
1  zeit = 30 - math.floor(love.timer.getTime() - zeitStart)
```

Add a score counter to the one `if` block in `love.update()` which reacts to cat and mouse touching:

```
1  if zeit > 0 then
2      punkte = punkte + 1
3  end
```

Add displaying time and score to `love.draw()`:

```
1  text = "Zeit: " .. zeit .. ", Punkte: " .. punkte
2  love.graphics.printf(text, 0, 0, breite, "center")
```

You should put the content of `love.update()` into a `if zeit > 0 then ... end` block to stop the game after the time runs out. You can use a similar block in `love.draw()` to display a "Game Over!" message.

## 2.5 Android port

See section [1.5](#).

### 3 Matrix music DJ app

Type in the following code (without `-- comments`), save it and test it:

```
1 function love.load()
2     la, lg = love.audio, love.graphics
3     math.randomseed( os.time() ) -- For random numbers
4     namen = { "lead", "drums", "drumsb", "clap" }
5     instr = {{},{}} -- Table of instruments with...
6     for i = 1, 2 do -- two rows and...
7         for j = 1, #namen do -- four columns
8             instr[i][j] = {}
9             instr[i][j].snd = la.newSource( namen[j] .. i .. ".ogg" )
10            instr[i][j].snd:setLooping( true ) -- Endless looping on
11            instr[i][j].snd:setVolume( 0 ) -- Loudness to 0
12            instr[i][j].snd:play() -- Track playback starts
13            instr[i][j].farbe = { 60*j, math.random(200), 200 }
14        end
15    end
16    spalten, zeilen = #instr[1], #instr -- 4 columns, 2 rows
17    breit, hoch = lg.getWidth(), lg.getHeight() -- Screen size
18    felddb, feldh = breit / spalten, hoch / zeilen -- Touch field size
19 end
20
21 function love.draw()
22     for i, zeile in ipairs(instr) do -- i is the index, zeile is the value
23         for j, instrument in ipairs(zeile) do
24             lg.setColor(instrument.farbe) -- Instruments have own colors
25             lg.rectangle( "fill", (j-1) * felddb, (i-1) * feldh, felddb, feldh )
26             if instrument.snd:getVolume() == 1 then
27                 lg.setColor( 255, 255, 255, 95 ) -- on/off state is displayed
28                 lg.circle( "fill", (j-0.5) * felddb, (i-0.5) * feldh, felddb*0.4 )
29             end
30         end
31     end
32 end
33
34 function love.mousepressed(x, y) -- Gets started by mouse/touchscreen
35     wob = math.ceil( x / felddb ) -- Calculating column
36     woh = math.ceil( y / feldh ) -- Calculating row
37     if instr[woh][wob].snd:getVolume() == 1 then
38         instr[woh][wob].snd:setVolume(0) -- Loudness 0%
39     else
40         instr[woh][wob].snd:setVolume(1) -- Loudness 100%
41     end
42 end
```

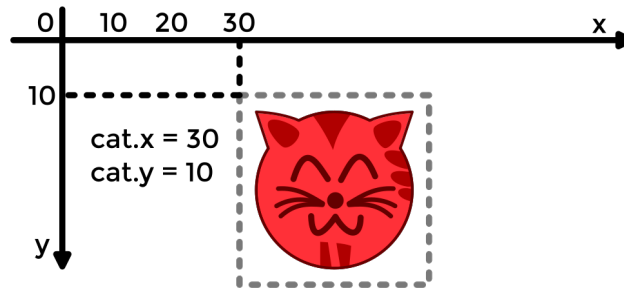
The code makes intense use of tables/lists and `for` loops as well as calculations, which might need a bit more time to be understood. Feel free to ask coaches for help.

#### 3.1 Android port

See section [1.5](#).

## 4 Epilogue

LÖVE draws pictures and shapes using positions in a coordinate system, which originates from the top left corner towards right and down.



LÖVE is the game engine used in this workshop. More information about LÖVE programming is available at [love2d.org/wiki/love](http://love2d.org/wiki/love).

Additional workshop material is available at [espws.de/en](http://espws.de/en).



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